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REMARKS

The Applicant submits the present Preliminary Amendment containing a substitute specification, amended drawings and claim amendments to clarify its invention. A review of the file has revealed multiple minor errors necessitating the present Amendment. Applicant notes that the substitute specification, claim amendments and drawing amendment contain no new matter. Applicant has merely restructured its original application.

Substitute Specification:

The Applicant has provided a substitute specification to clarify its invention. The Applicant's changes amount to a reorganization and restructuring of the original application. The amendments do not constitute new matter as they are contained in the original specification.

Drawing Amendments:

The Applicant has amended the drawings. Specifically, the Applicant has added reference number 50 to FIG. 3. The specification as originally filed defines 50 as one of the side walls of the frame. The Applicant also has numbered the firing axis *f* with reference numeral 17. The Applicant has added the reference numerals 106, the transverse bore, 108 and 110, the sidewalls of the block, to FIG. 3. These features are described in detail in the specification as originally filed and do not constitute new matter.

With regard to FIG. 8, the Applicant has amended the drawing to include reference number 140, the front edge of the guide rails. The front edge 140 is described in detail in the specification as filed and does not constitute new matter.

Claim Amendments:

The Applicant has amended several claims to clarify that the locking block is for a compact pistol. The Application as filed discusses this in detail and no new matter has been added. Additionally, the Applicant has amended several claims to clarify that the block's front end has a substantially u-shaped opening. Again, the original Specification characterizes the opening and being u-shaped and no new matter has been entered. The Applicant has made several other minor changes to the claims which it believes are self-explanatory and do not constitute new matter.

No fees are considered to be due; however, if it is determined that payment of a fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

Respectfully submitted,

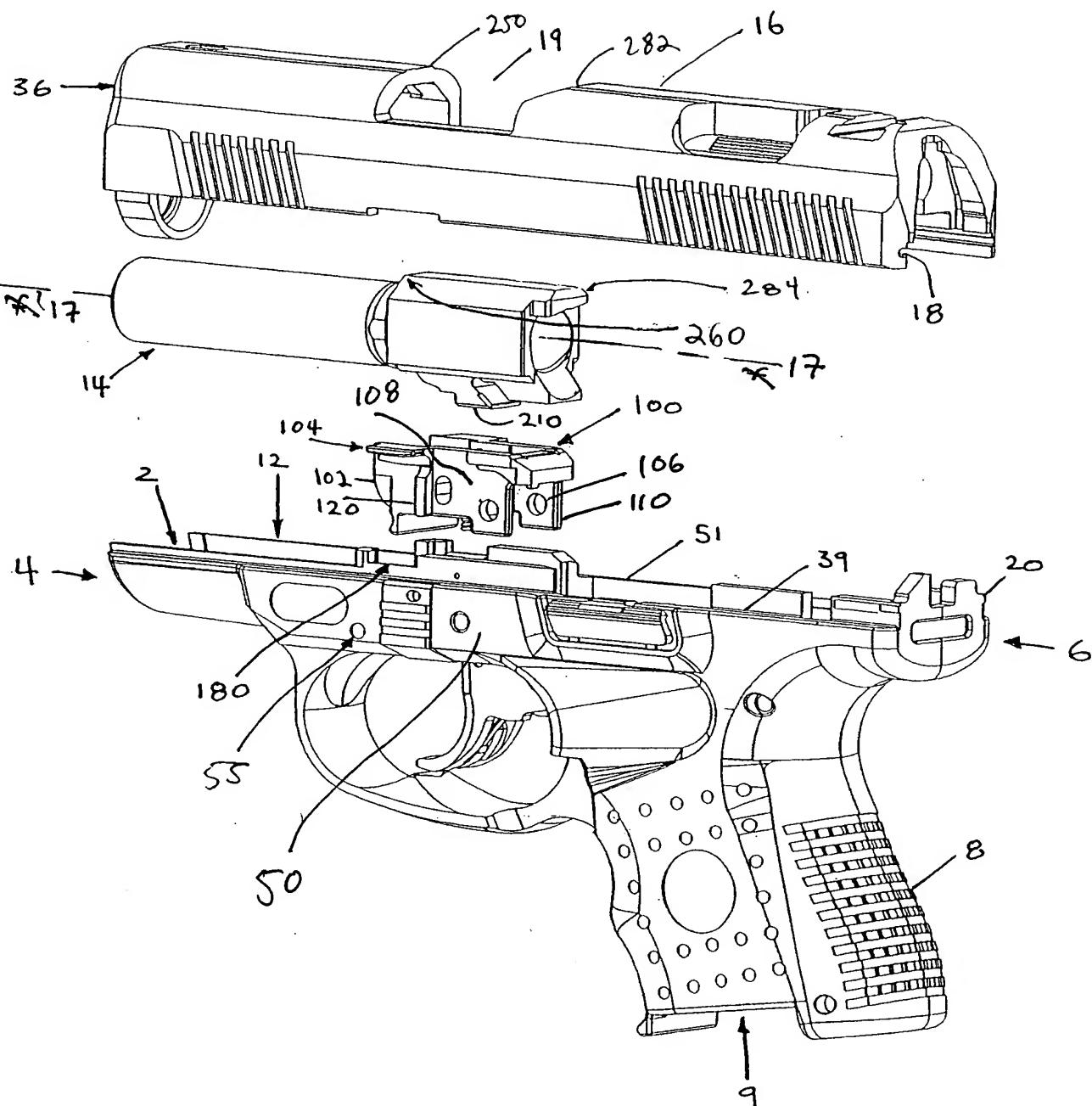
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FIG. 3



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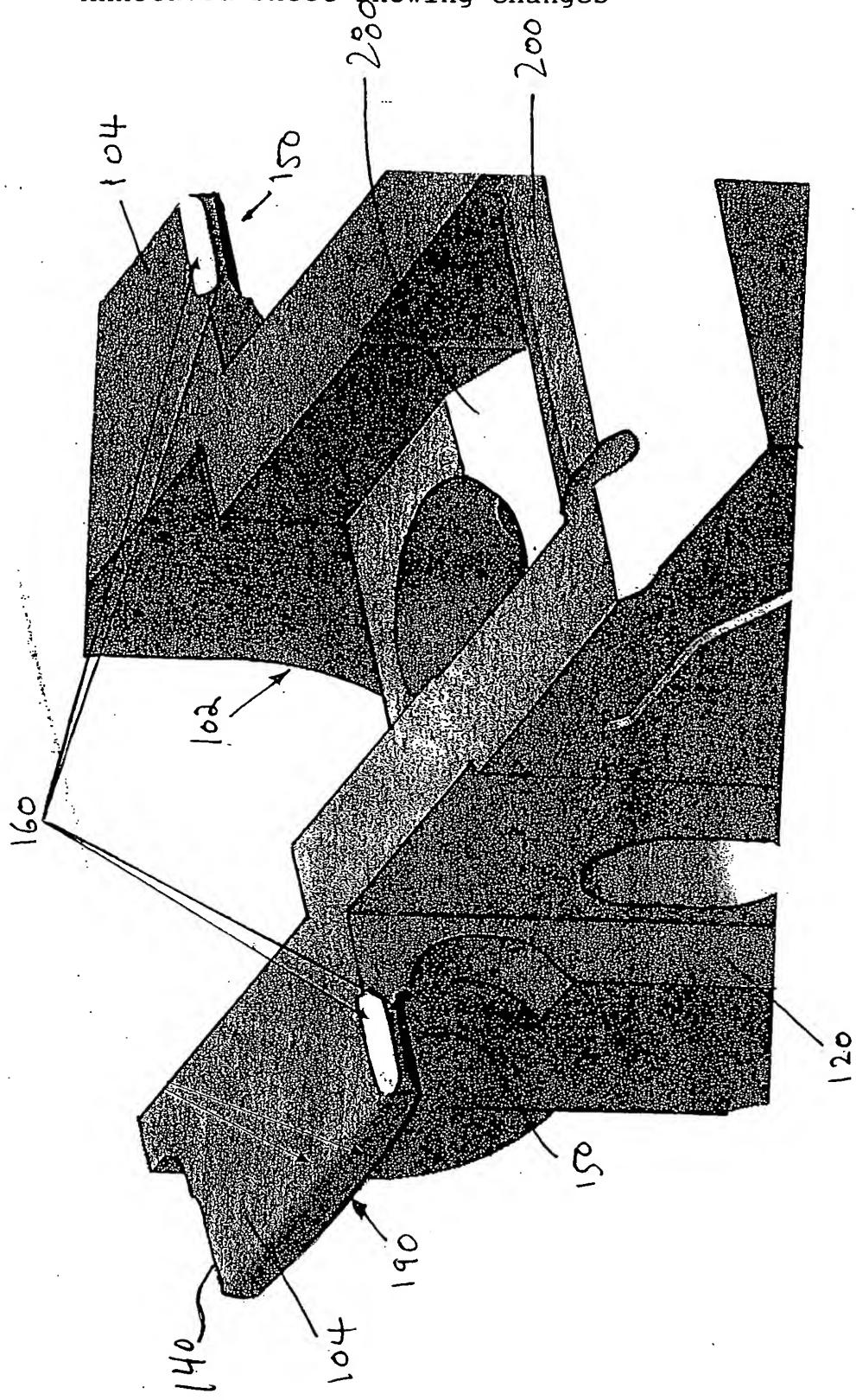


FIG. 8